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INFO GOVT OF GUAM

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FUEL ALLOCATION FOR PHILIPPINE

AIRLINES

REF: A. STATE 10820

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C. MANILA 0735

1. PAL HAS GIVEN EMBASSY EXCERPTS FROM JANUARY 18 LETTER TO FONSEC ROMULO CONCERNING COMPANY'S PROBLEM IN OBTAINING SUFFICIENT FUEL TO MAINTAIN U.S. SCHEDULE BEYOND JANUARY 26. PAL CLAIMS THAT MINIMUM FUEL NEEDS FOR BALANCE OF JAN (AS OF JAN 21) ARE GUAM 96,000 GALS, HONOLULU 68,000 GALS AND SAN FRANCISCO 45,000 GALS. THESE QUANTITIES NEEDED ON BASIS OF PRESENTLY BOOKED SPACE, ACCORDING TO PAL, AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION TURNING FLIGHTS AROUND AT HONOLULU ON JAN. 25,28 AND 30 FOR FUEL CONSERVATION AND "LEAVING ALL BUT THE MOST CRITICAL CARGO FROM SINGAPORE AND MANILA AT MANILA."

2. AS INDICATED REF C, PAL CLAIMS IN LETTER THAT 1972 BASE PERIOD IS INSUFFICIENT FOR PRESENT REQUIRMENTS
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BECAUSE OF (1) USE OF HIGHER CONSUMPTION EQUIPMENT;

(2) INCREASED FREQUENCY OF MID-PACIFIC TECHNICAL STOPS
AND (3) INCREASED LOAD FACTORS.

3. FOLLOWING IS OUTLOOK FOR PAL OPERATIONS IN REMAINDER
OF JANUARY AS DESCRIBED IN LETTER: QUOTE: IT IS OF
IMPORTANCE TO MENTION THAT BEGINNING TODAY (JAN 18),
ALL OF PAL'S TRANS-PACIFIC CARGO LOADS MUST BE LEFT
BEHIND, WITH THE CONSEQUENT LOSS OF VALUABLE REVENUES
AND CUSTOMER PATRONAGE. THIS HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO
ACCOMMODATE ITS BOOKED PASSENGERS AT LEAST UNTIL
JANUARY 26, 1974 WHEN NO FURTHER SERVICES CAN BE OFFERED
BECAUSE, BY THEN, ALL FUEL BALANCES AT GUAM, HONOLULU
AND SAN FRANCISCO FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WILL HAVE
BEEN EXHAUSTED. HAD WE NOT TERMINATED ABOUT ONE-THIRD
OF OUR TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHTS AT HONOLULU SO FAR THIS
MONTH BY CANCELLING THE HONOLULU-SAN FRANCISCO SECTOR
AT THE SACRIFICE OF PASSENGER REVENUES, WE WOULD HAVE
RUN OUT OF FUEL LAST JANUARY 14 AND OUR ROUTE TO THE
UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE BEEN PARALYZED. UNFORTUNATELY,
SUCH FLIGHT ABBREVIATIONS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MONTH. HOWEVER, WITH OUR
PRESENT FUEL BALANCES WE CANNOT GO BEYOND JANUARY 26
NO MATTER WHAT CONSERVATION MEASURES WE TAKE. UNQUOTE.
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